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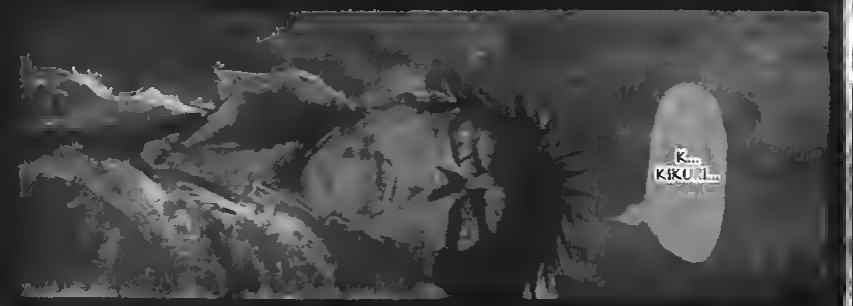

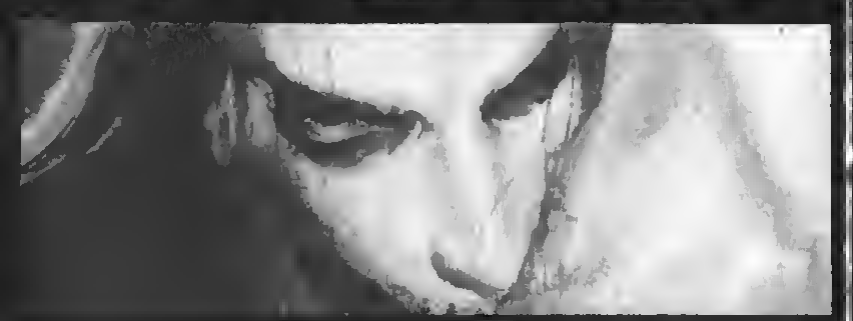

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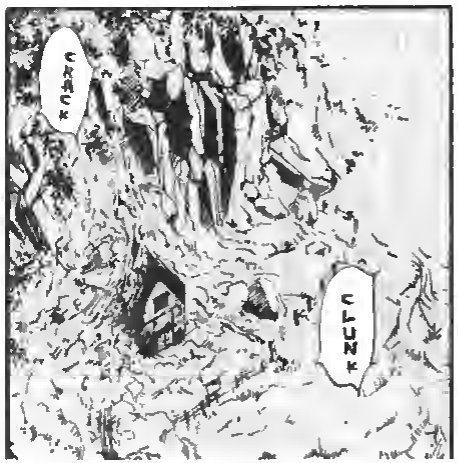

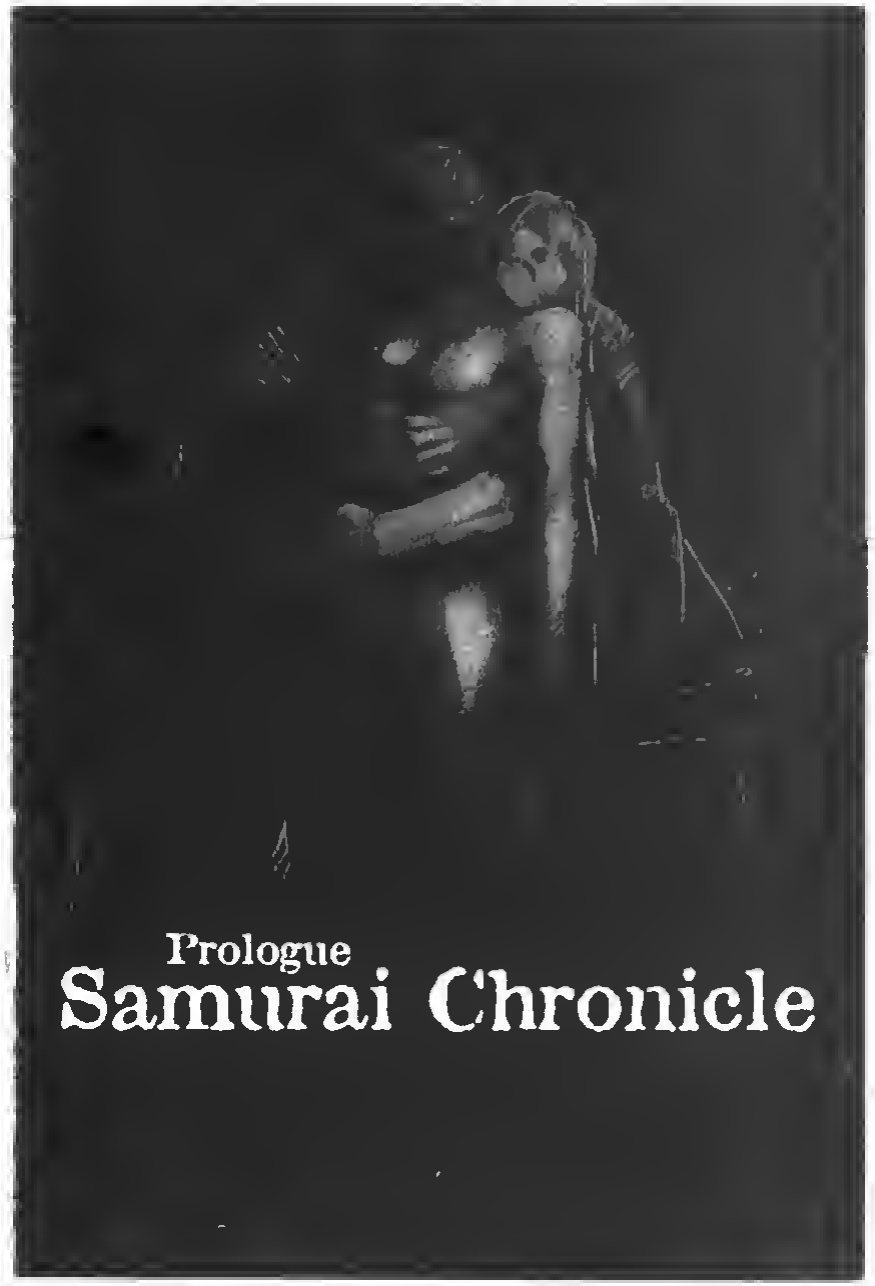

Prologue
Samurai Chronicle

CREAK
CLUNK
GRIND
CRACK
.....
CREAK

I HAVE LONGED FOR THIS DAY FOR 200 YEARS, MIGIRI-SAMA!!
FORGIVE ME, KURAHA. I WAS CARELESS.
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...WOULD PERHAPS DESCRIBE THIS FEELING.
"THERE CAN BE NOTHING TO QUITE DESCRIBE THIS FULL MOON NIGHT."

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ビシィ
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オッ

RAAAHHHHH!!
ドドドドドド
WAIT! WAIT FOR THE DAWN!!
NAONOSUKE! NOT YET!!

ヒィィアアアア

NEIGHHH!

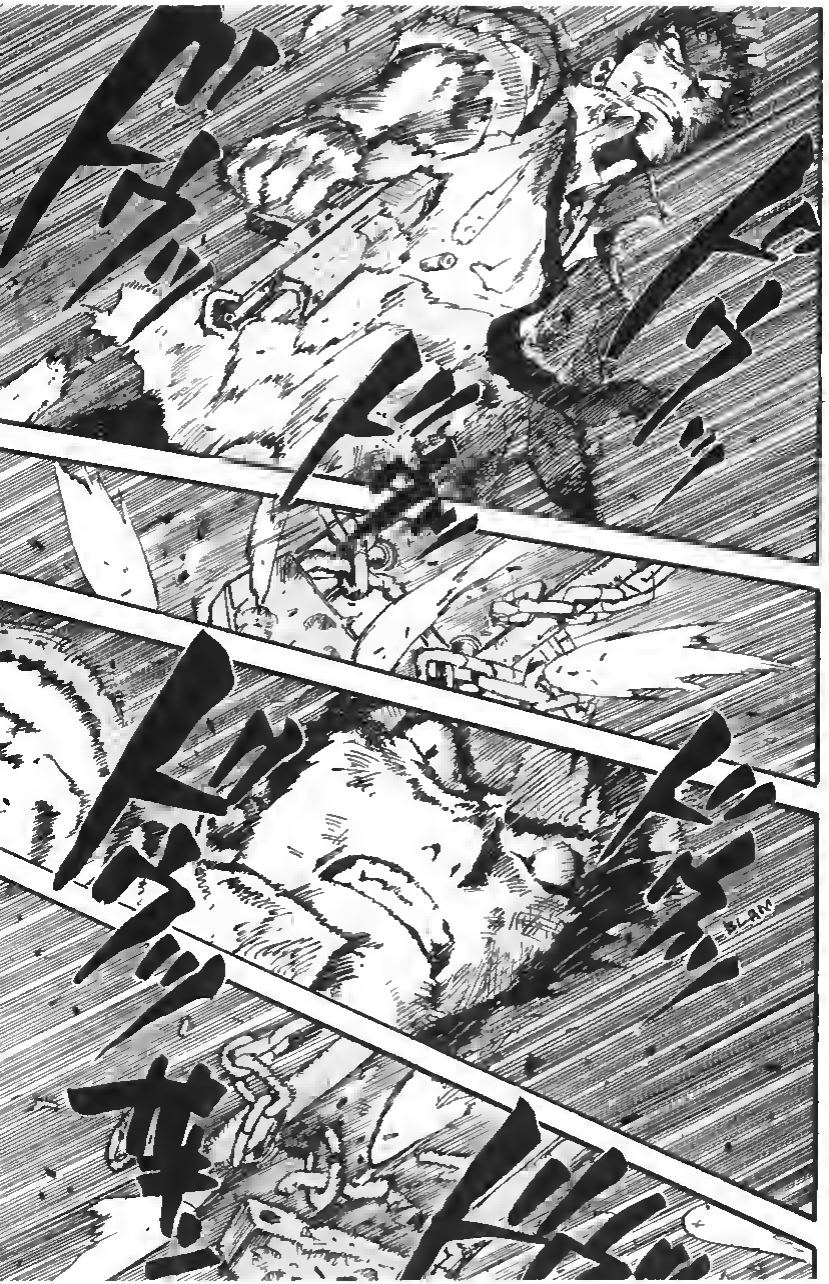
QUICKLY! SHOOT THE FLAMING ARROWS!!!
NOW WITNESS YOUR OWN RUIN, MON-STER!!

WHEEEE!
HUFF!
HUFF!

AND THIS IS THE GIRL WHO WILL BE YOUR CAMELLIA.

ARE YOU HURT, KURAHA?
'TIS BUT A SCRATCH, MY LORD.
IF IT WAS JUST A SCRATCH IT WOULD HAVE HEALED ALREADY.
ARE THERE OTHER MEN NOW WHO COULD DEAL YOU SUCH WOUNDS?
?
SSSS

IN THE TIME YOU HAVE SLEPT, MAN'S WEAPONS HAVE DEVELOPED VASTLY.
I AM SORRY, MIGIRI-SAMA. I WAS CARELESS.
OH?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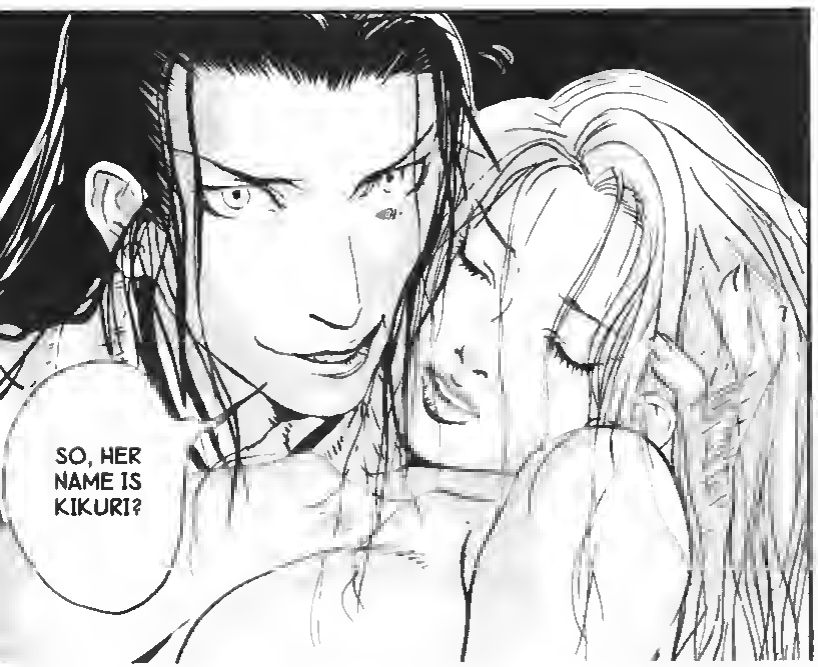
YAAAHHHHH!!

LET GO OF KIKURI, YOU FREAK!!


SO, HER NAME IS KIKURI?

BANG
DOOOONN

SLAM
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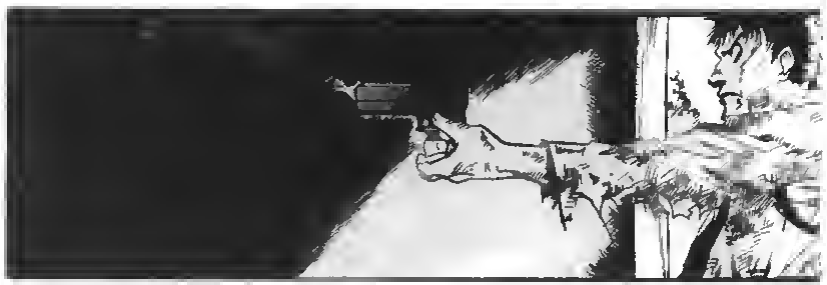
SLAM

THIS SHOULD MAKE THINGS A BIT MORE INTERESTING
YES, I SEE.

THIS --
I'LL HANDLE --
STEP BACK, KURAHA



YUSUKE A GOOD NAME.
.. YUSUKE HIMUKAI.
!!!

MY NAME IS MIGIRI.
TELL ME YOUR NAME, RECKLESS SON OF MAN.

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SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
YAAAHH!

TOO BAD.

AAAAH!!

UAAAAHHHH!!
UUH...

WATCH CLOSELY. IT'S MORE EXCITING FOR BOTH ME AND HER WITH AN AUDIENCE.

USE YOUR BODY TO REMEMBER WHERE THE HEART IS.
YOU HAVE GOOD REFLEXES, BUT YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE WILD AND UNDISCIPLINED; THEREFORE, YOU LACK PRECISION.
NGH
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
AAGH!!
WHEWW!
NNG!
WHEWW!

AHHH
MMM
HAAH
AAAH!
AHI
HAH!
NGAAAI
AAAAH!
AAAHHH!
AAAAAAHHHHHH!!

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KIKURI...
AHH
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AH
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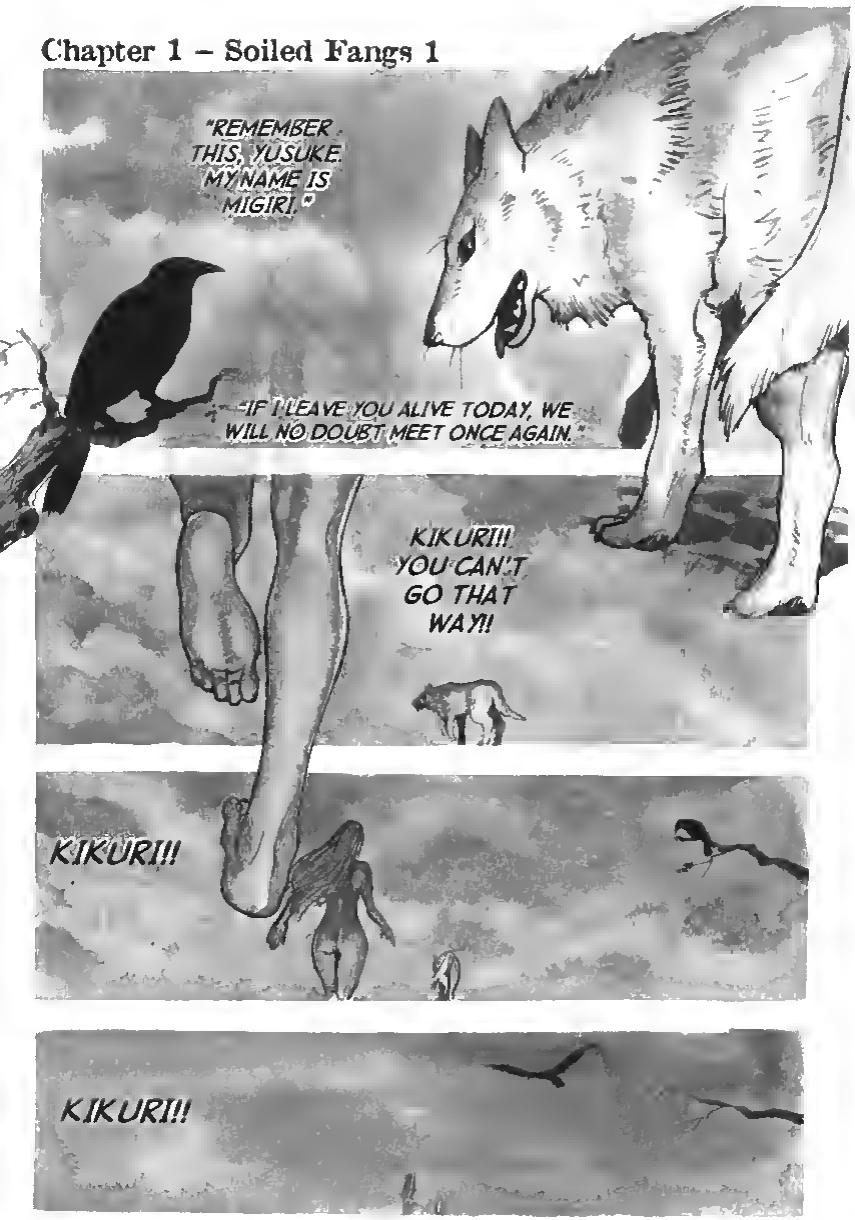
AAAH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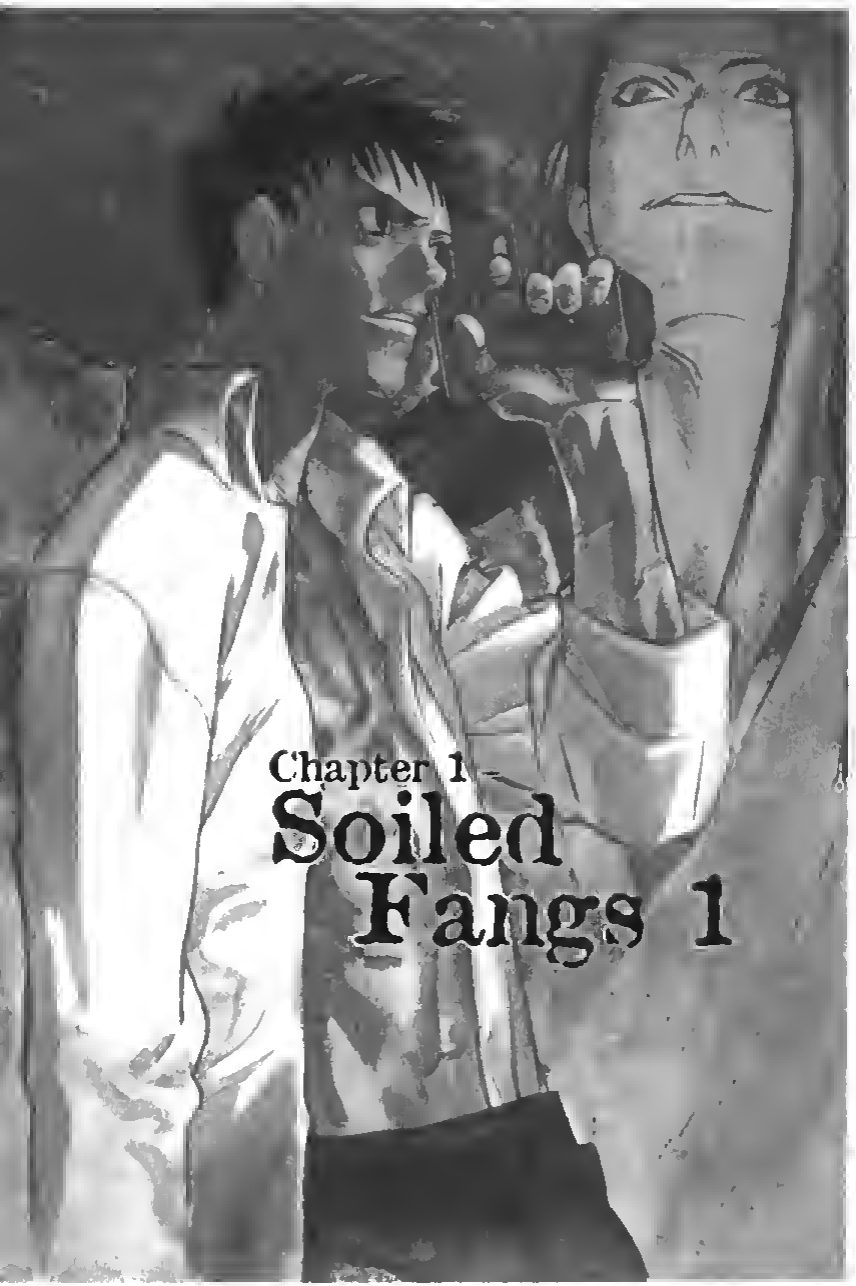
"REMEMBER THIS, YUSUKE. MY NAME IS MIGIRI."
"IF I LEAVE YOU ALIVE TODAY, WE WILL NO DOUBT MEET ONCE AGAIN."
KIKURI!! YOU CAN'T GO THAT WAY!!
KIKURI!!
KIKURI!!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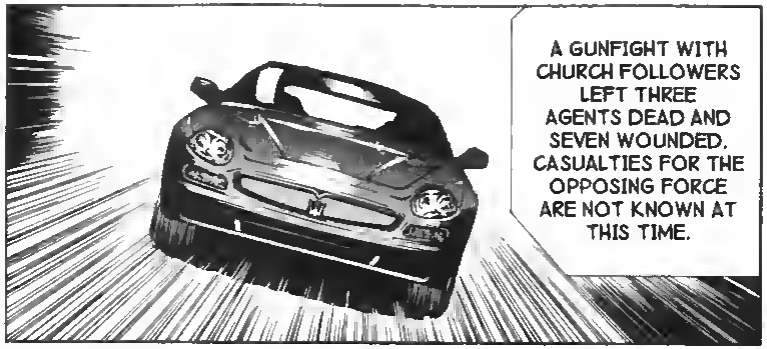
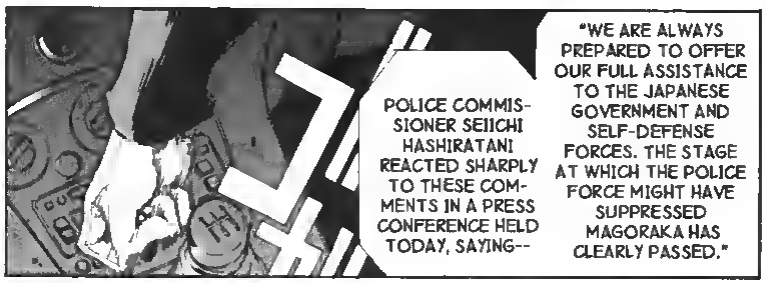
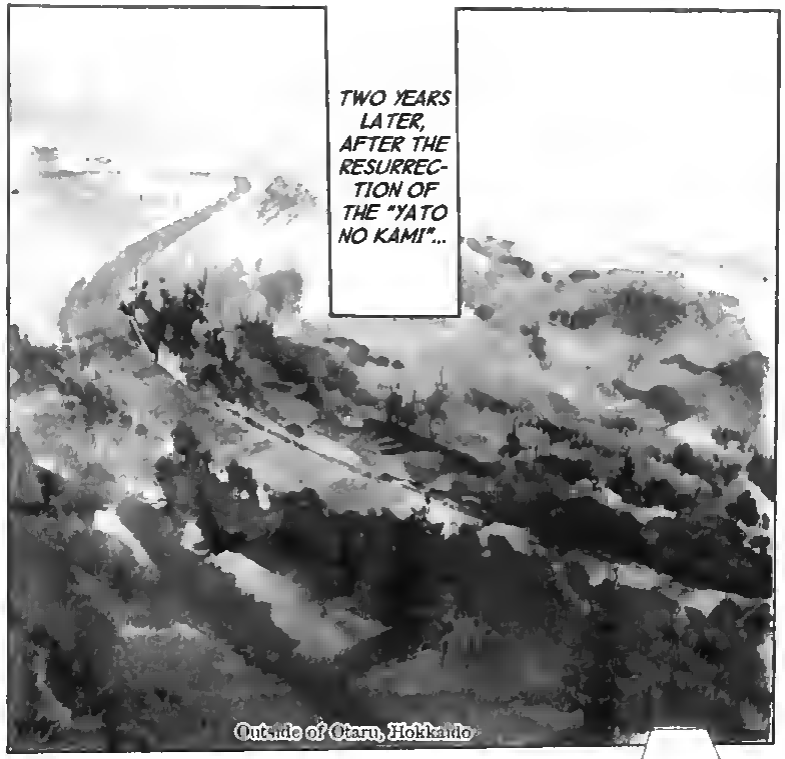
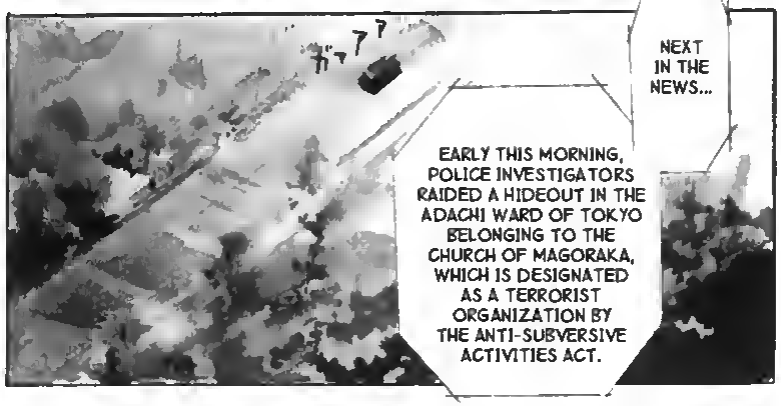

A GUNFIGHT WITH CHURCH FOLLOWERS LEFT THREE AGENTS DEAD AND SEVEN WOUNDED. CASUALTIES FOR THE OPPOSING FORCE ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

THIS FOLLOWS AN INCIDENT ON THE 8TH OF LAST MONTH, WHEN AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN FUSSA, TOKYO WAS ATTACKED BY MAGORAKA FOLLOWERS, CAUSING EIGHTEEN DEATHS GENERAL GLADSTEIN OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY IN JAPAN MADE THIS EMPHATIC STATEMENT:

HAH. VERY CLEVER.
"THE CHURCH OF MAGORAKA IS THE MODERN-DAY RETURN OF THE BLACK PLAGUE."


POLICE COMMISSIONER SEIICHI HASHIRATANI REACTED SHARPLY TO THESE COMMENTS IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD TODAY, SAYING--
"WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO OFFER OUR FULL ASSISTANCE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND SELF-DEFENSE FORCES. THE STAGE AT WHICH THE POLICE FORCE MIGHT HAVE SUPPRESSED MAGORAKA HAS CLEARLY PASSED."


TWO YEARS LATER, AFTER THE RESURRECTION OF THE "YATO NO KAMI"...
Outside of Otaru, Hokkaido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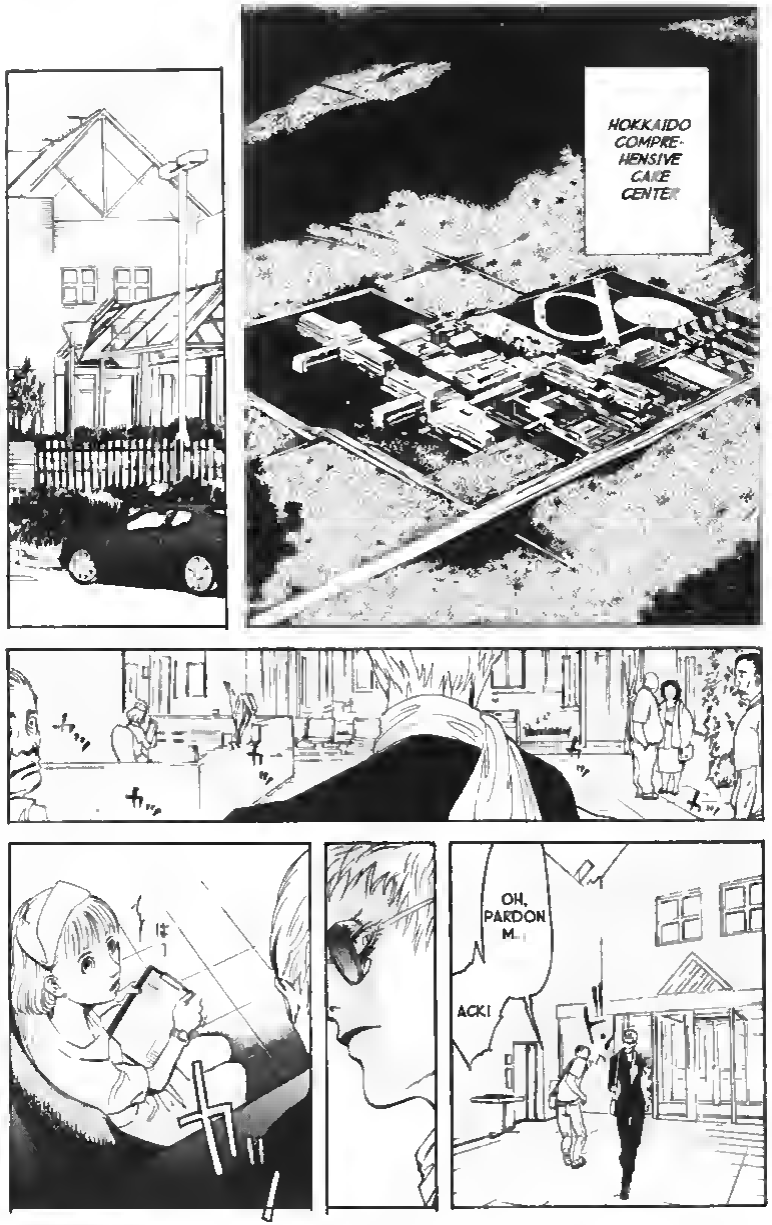
EARLY THIS MORNING, POLICE INVESTIGATORS RAIDED A HIDEOUT IN THE ADACHI WARD OF TOKYO BELONGING TO THE CHURCH OF MAGORAKA, WHICH IS DESIGNATED AS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION BY THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES ACT.


HOKKAIDO COMPREHENSIVE CARE CENTER
OH, PARDON M...
ACK!

STUPID FAGGOTS. HOW MUCH TIME ARE YOU GOING TO WASTE KEEPING UP YOUR PUBLIC IMAGE?
THEY ALREADY RULE THE NIGHT IN TOKYO

I'VE COME TO TAKE YUSUKE HIMUKAI.
WHAT...? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT NAME?!
SINCE WHEN DOES A SIMPLE PDLICE AGENT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUPERSEDE AUTHORITY AND STEAL MY PATIENT?!
I AM ADMINIS-TERING AN DFFICIAL REQUEST TO HIM FROM THE HEAD OF THE NATIDNAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMIS-SION!!
!!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ABOUT ME, DOCTOR?

C-CERTAINLY, JUST A MOMENT.
I'M HIDEKO MAEZDNO, FROM THE PDLICE DE-PARTMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE DIRECTOR.
THANKS FDR WAITING.
SD, HDW CAN I HELP YOU?
I HAD AN EXAMINATION GO A BIT OVER SCHEDULE. IF YOU'D CALLED ME AHEAD OF TIME, I WOULD HAVE BEEN READY TO SEE YOU.

Y-Y-YOU... YOU WERE AT PROFESSOR ASANO'S...
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, DOCTOR.
HEH...
I'M JUST FINE, NOW.

.....
.....

I AM WEAK
I AM WEAK
I AM WEAK

DAMN!!
AHA
HA HA!
HEH...
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HEH.
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AAAAAAHHHH!!
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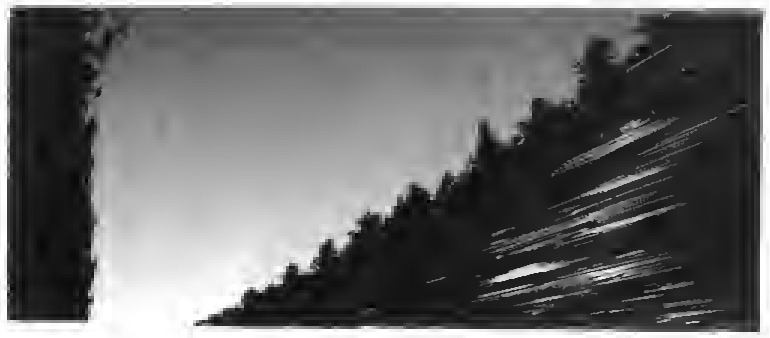
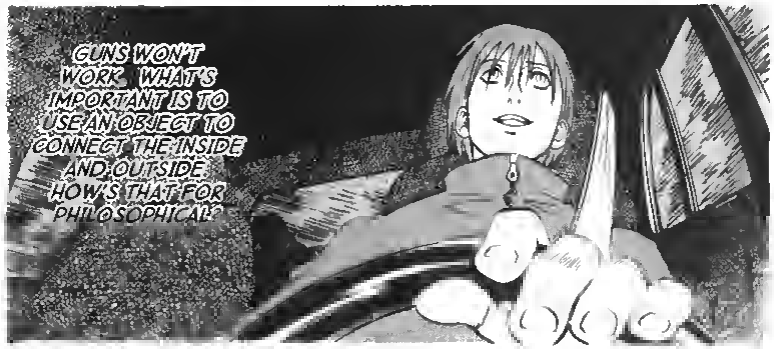


RIGHT HERE, YUSUKE. YOU AIM FOR THE EYES.

TAKE OUT THE EYES, AND THEY'LL BE OUT OF ACTION FOR A WHILE, THINKING, "OH CRAP! I CAN'T SEE!"
...AT LEAST, TECHNICALLY. BUT IT'S HARD TO GET OVER THE SENSES WE POSSESSED AS HUMANS.
WE CAN UNDERSTAND OUR SURROUNDINGS WITHOUT THE USE OF OUR EYES.
OF COURSE, WHEN YOU REACH KURAHA'S LEVEL, THAT WILL ONLY LAST FOR AN INSTANT.
WHAT CAN I DO, THEN? HOW DO WE KILL THEM?

IF YOU PIERCE THE HEART WITH A BLUNT OBJECT, NO MATTER WHAT THE MATERIAL IS, THEY'LL TURN TO ASH.
HOWEVER, THE "TURNING INTO ASH" IS REALLY AN ILLUSION. AFTERWARD, YOU WON'T ACTUALLY FIND ANY ASH REMAINING.
THE STIGMA CEASE TO BE. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF FORGETTING ABOUT THEM, LIKE A BAD DREAM.

GUNS WON'T WORK. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS TO USE AN OBJECT TO CONNECT THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE. HOW'S THAT FOR PHILOSOPHICAL?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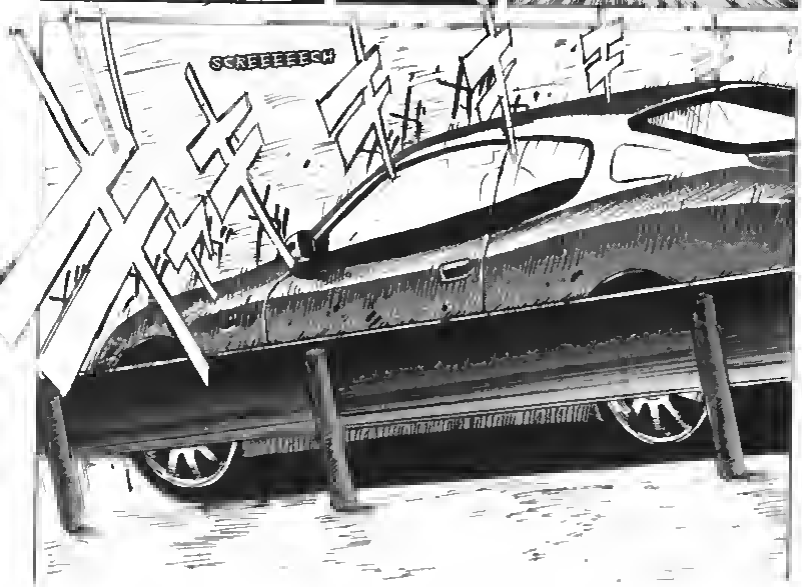
CAN I REALLY TRUST YOU RIGHT NOW, HIKAGE?

YOU JUST AIM FOR THE EYES. LEAVE THE REST TO ME.

HEH. YOU MUST BE IN TERRIBLE SHAPE IF THAT WAS ENOUGH TO KNOCK YOU OUT. I HAD THEM GIVE YOU SEDATIVES TO KEEP YOU QUIET FOR A WHILE.

YOU BITCH...! WHERE IS SHE.. WHERE IS KIKURI?!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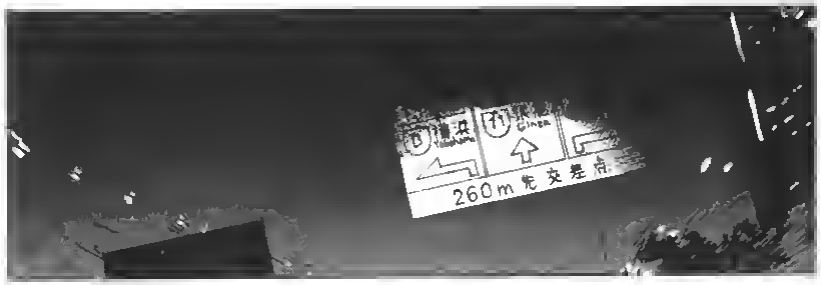
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DID YOU SLEEP WELL, YUSUKE HIMUKAI?

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ARE YOU ONE OF THOSE MONSTERS, TOO?! GIVE KIKURI BACK!!
AAAAAHHH!!
AAGH!!

MY NAME IS HIDEKO MAEZONO.
AND I AM NOT A MONSTER, NOR AM I HUMAN.

I'VE FOUND HIDEKO MAEZONO FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY BRANCH SHE'S ESCORTING A YOUNG MAN

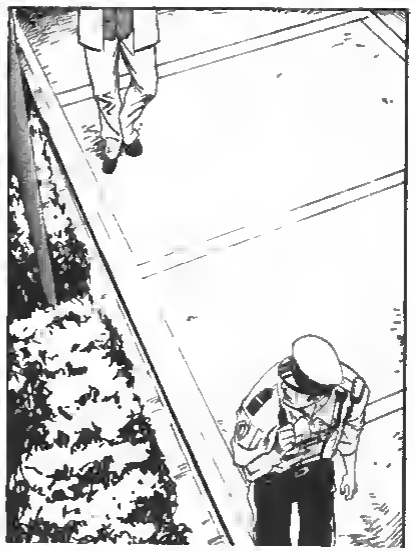
AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
JUST FOR A DRIVE
GOOD EVENING, MA'AM.
IT'S DANGEROUS BEING OUT AT NIGHT. TRY TO AVOID DOING THIS IN THE FUTURE
TAKE CARE OUT THERE, OFFICER.
IS IT THOSE MAGO RAKA PEOPLE? IT MUST BE HARD BEING A POLICEMAN.

EXCUSE ME! PATROL OFFICER!

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS FELLOW DO ANY DAYTIME SHIFTS RECENTLY?
HUH?

YES, KUME-SAN? HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

UH-OH. PRIVATE CALLS WHILE ON DUTY? IS THAT STANDARD PROCEDURE?



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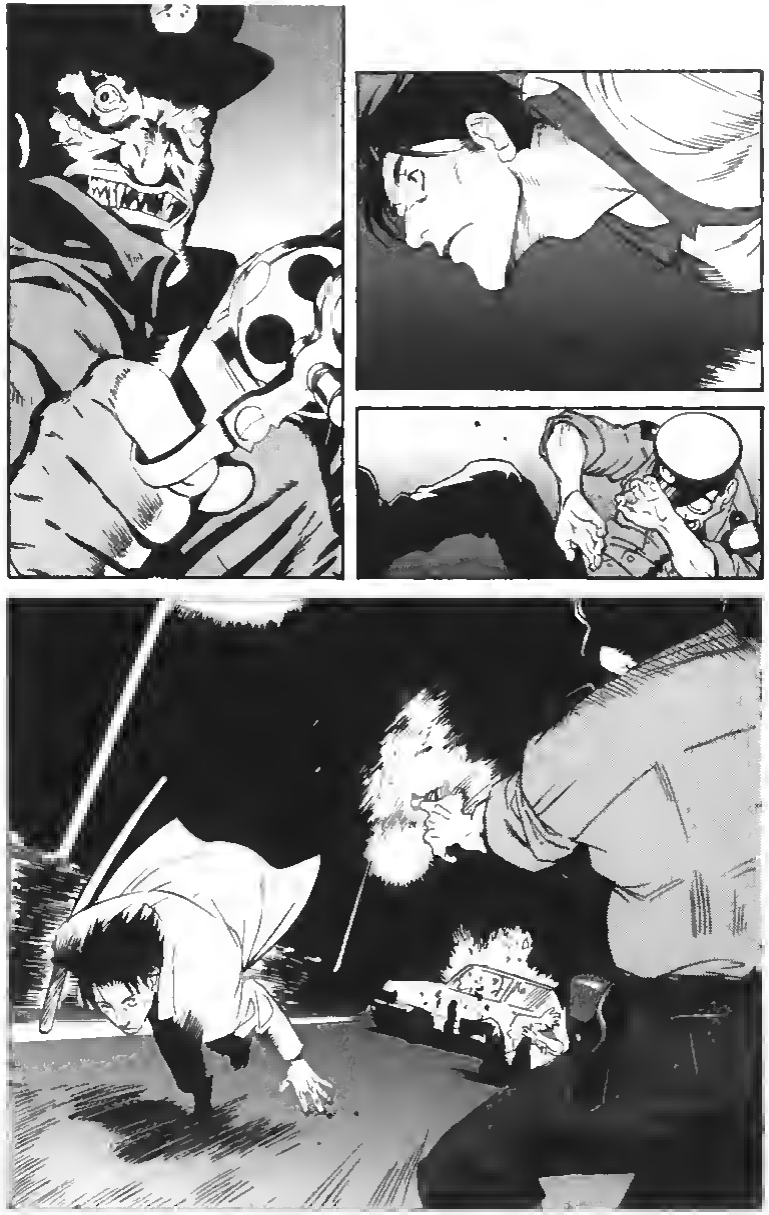

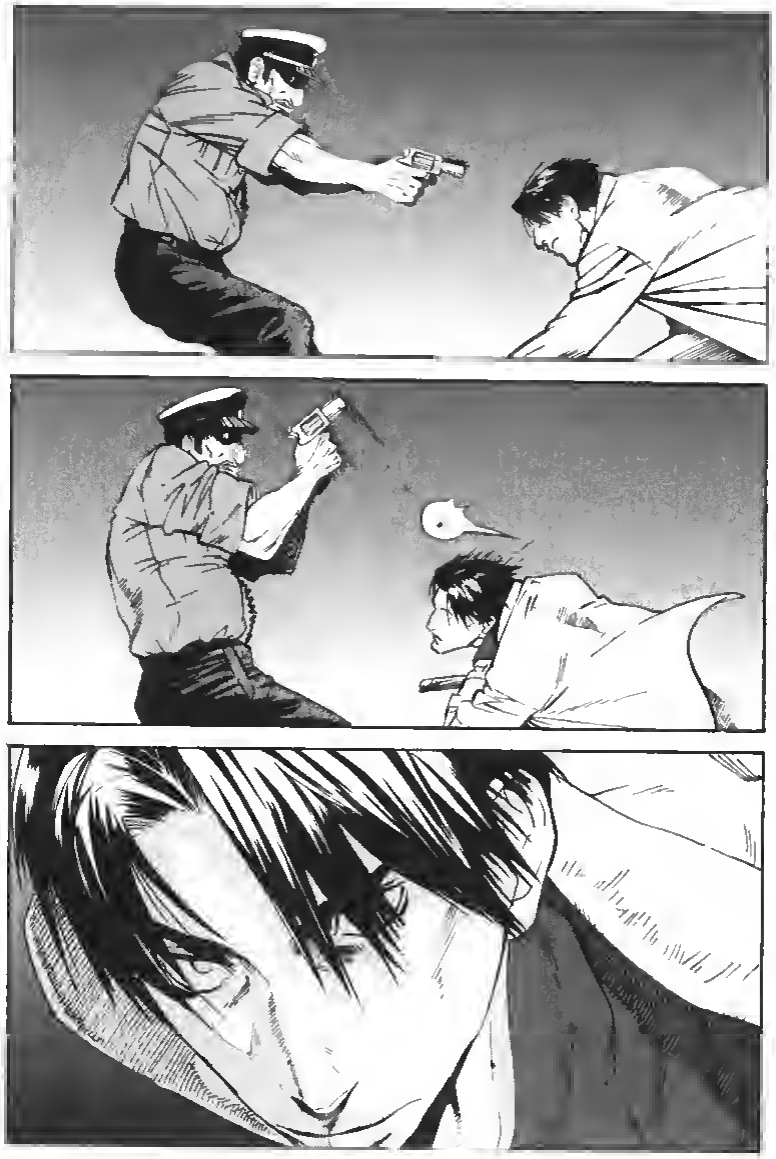

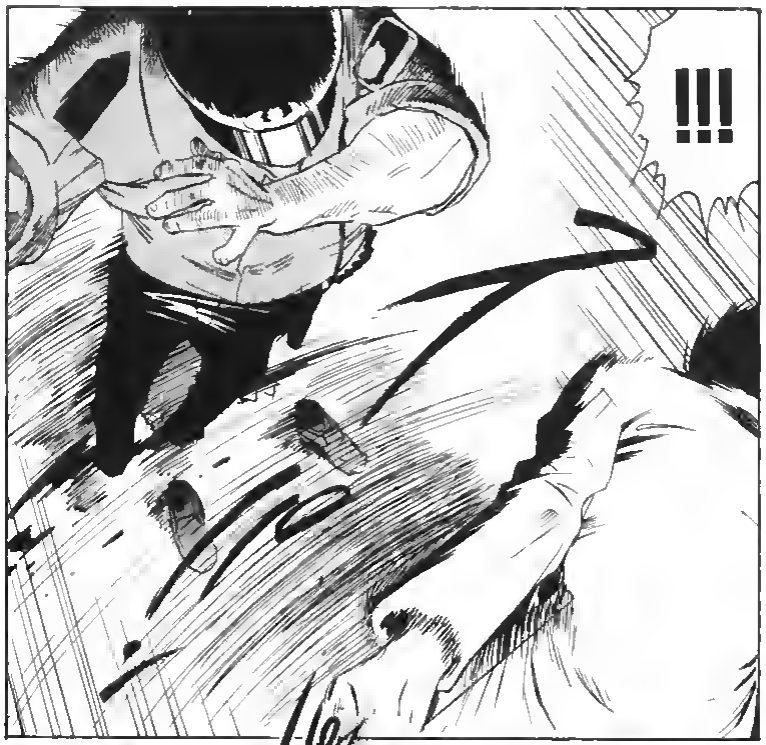
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POW
POW
POW

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!?

I'VE ALWAYS WON-DERED-- WHY DO THEIR CLOTHES DISAPPEAR AS WELL?
IT'S KINDA SILLY. WHAT DO THEY THINK THIS IS, A VIDEO-GAME?

"MAGORAKA" REFERS TO THE EARTH SERPENT MAGORAKA, ONE OF THE 33 FORMS OF THE KANNON BODHISATTVA

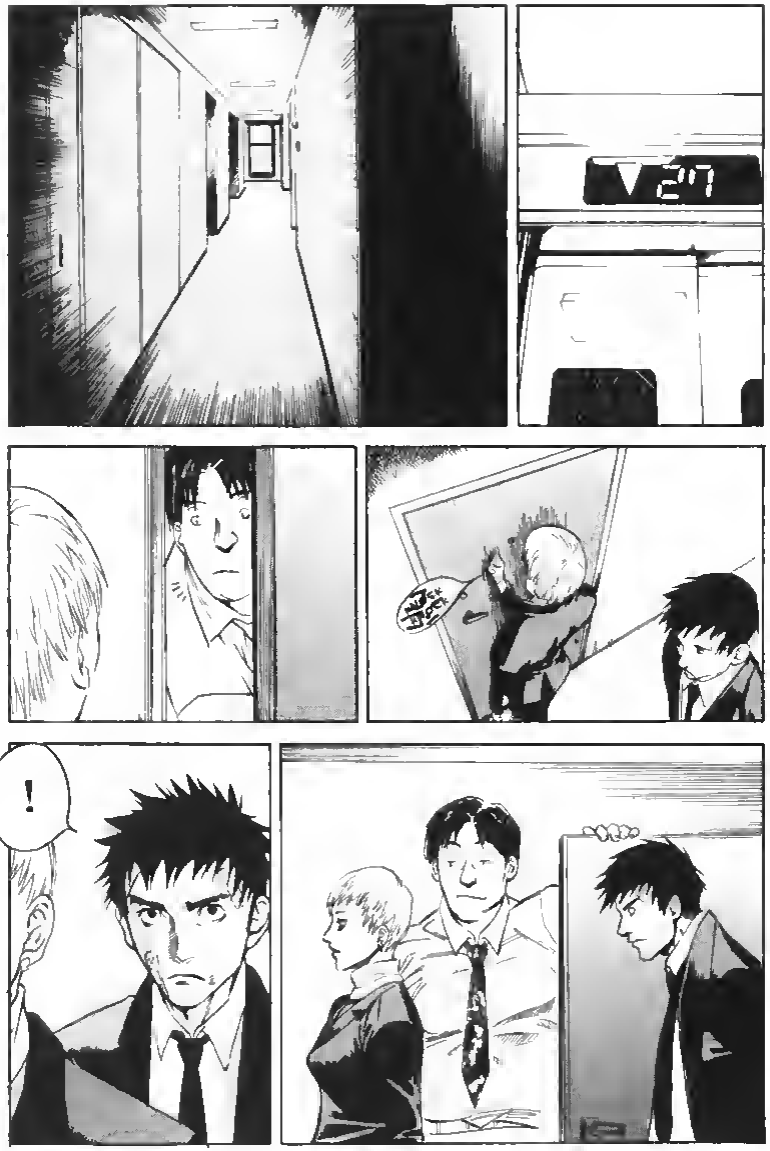
AT FIRST, THE GROUP APPEARED TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A CULT THAT PREACHED MODERN SALVATION AND COMMONPLACE MORALS, WITH A SLIGHTLY OCCULT INFLUENCE.
INTERSECTION, HERE JUST SPOTTED AGENT MAEZONO'S MASERATI WITH THE OBJECTIVE ON BOARD.
BUT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THIS "YATO NO KAMI" WHO THE BELIEVERS CALL THEIR LEADER, IT CHANGED DRAMATICALLY.

MIGIRI...
.....

BY THE TIME WE REALIZED THE MONSTER MIGIRI MENTIONED IN THE TESTIMONY OF YUSUKE HIMUKAI, WAS THE SAME PERSON AS THIS NEW YATO NO KAMI, IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE...
THEY HAVE SPREAD THROUGH-OUT TOKYO, AND NOW WE ARE THE ONES ON THE RUN.

JUST A BUNCH OF PATHETIC FAGGOTS!!
NOT THAT THEY CAN DO A DAMN THING ABOUT IT!
SLAM

B1
WILL YOU DIE TOO, IF YOUR HEART IS PIERCED?
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE ALL DYING TO STICK IT IN YOU.
THERE WAS A MAN WHO TRIED THAT ONCE YOU WANT TO GIVE IT A SHOT?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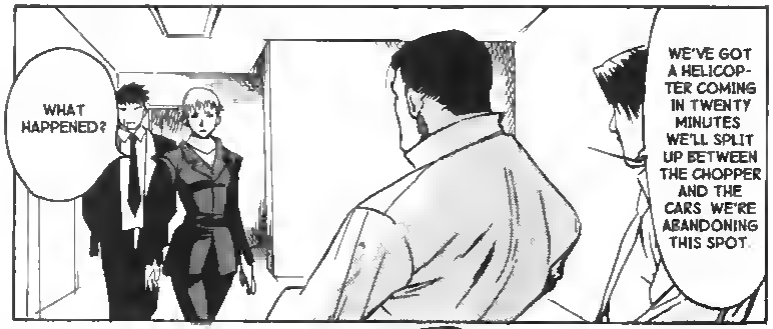
AREN'T YOU AFRAID OF ME, YUSUKE?
I DIED...ON THAT NIGHT, TWO YEARS AGO...
.....

GOOD WORK, MAEZONO. GLAD TO SEE YOU MADE IT IN TIME.


WHAT HAPPENED?
WE'VE GOT A HELICOPTER COMING IN TWENTY MINUTES WE'LL SPLIT UP BETWEEN THE CHOPPER AND THE CARS WE'RE ABANDONING THIS SPOT.

WE'VE GOT YOUR GOODS HERE. HURRY UP AND GET IT OVER WITH.
ONE OF THE CHECKPOINT OFFICERS TURNED OUT TO BE A MOLE. THEY'LL FIND THIS PLACE IN NO TIME...

.....

HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
.....

CLICK
CLICK

MY NAME IS YUKI I'M THE HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CHURCH OF MAGORAKA COUNTERMEASURES DIVISION TASK SQUAD.
WE'VE GOT OUR EYES ON A PARTICULAR MULTI-TENANT BUILDING IN THE HEART OF THE CITY.
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT KIKURI FUJIWARA IS THERE.

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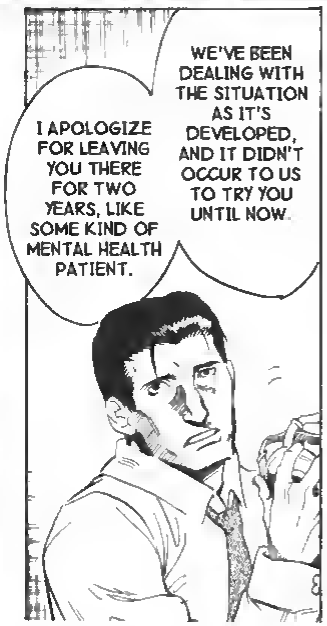
DON'T WATCH!!


I APOLOGIZE FOR LEAVING YOU THERE FOR TWO YEARS, LIKE SOME KIND OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT.
WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THE SITUATION AS IT'S DEVELOPED, AND IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO US TO TRY YOU UNTIL NOW.

THINK OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, KID. DON'T EMBARRASS HER

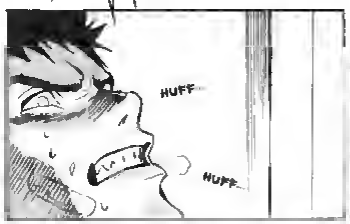
WHY AM I HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME? WHY NOW?

YOU SAW HER, YUSUKE HIMUKAI
KIKURI FUJIWARA IS NO LONGER ONE OF US.

HUFF...
HUFF...
.....

AAH
AHHHH...

WHERE IS SHE?! WHERE IS KIKURI?!


HUFF...
HUFF...

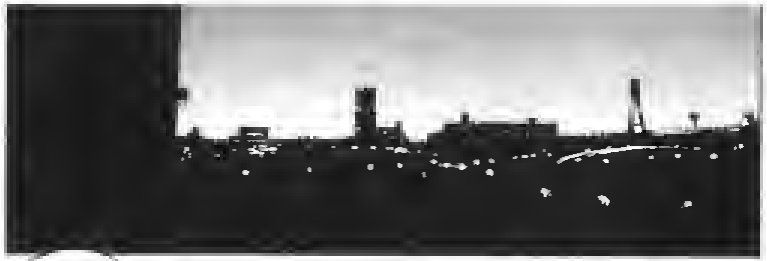
ALL RIGHT
I'M ALL RIGHT
I'M ALL RIGHT. I'M SORRY FOR LOSING IT THERE.

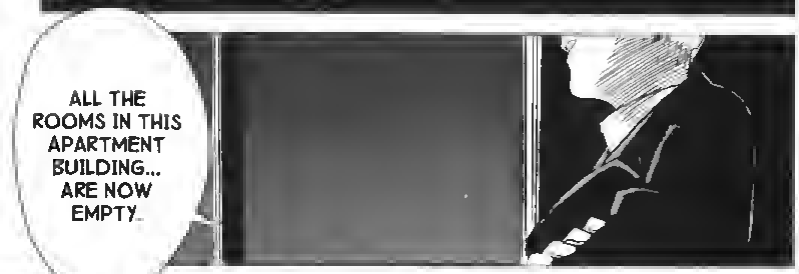
I CAN GIVE YOU A SEDATIVE, OR YOU CAN LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. WHICH WILL IT BE, YUSUKE?

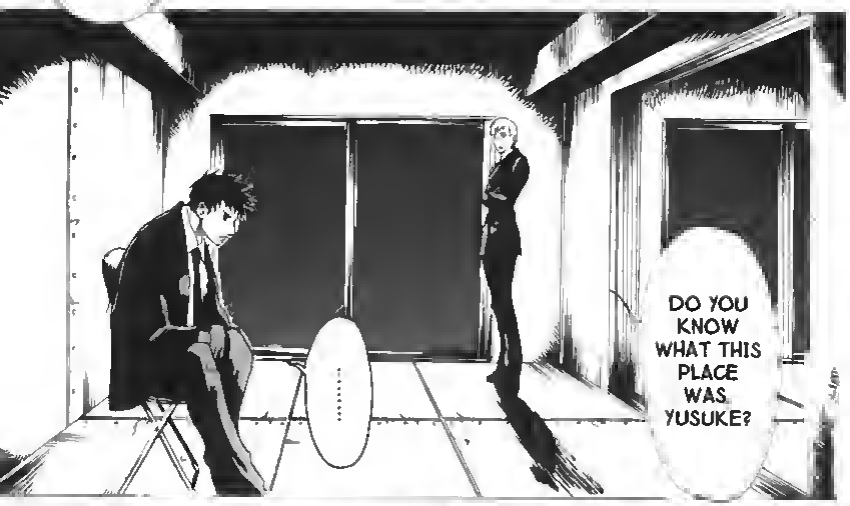
COUGH!
GAG!

YOU DROPPED SOME-THING, OFFICER.
?
TAP TAP

WHA...?
AAAAHH!!




ALL THE ROOMS IN THIS APARTMENT BUILDING... ARE NOW EMPTY.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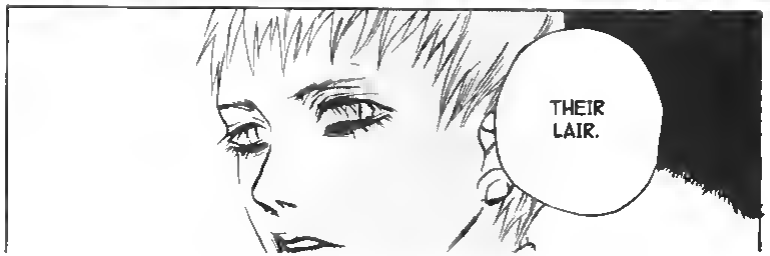
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS PLACE WAS, YUSUKE?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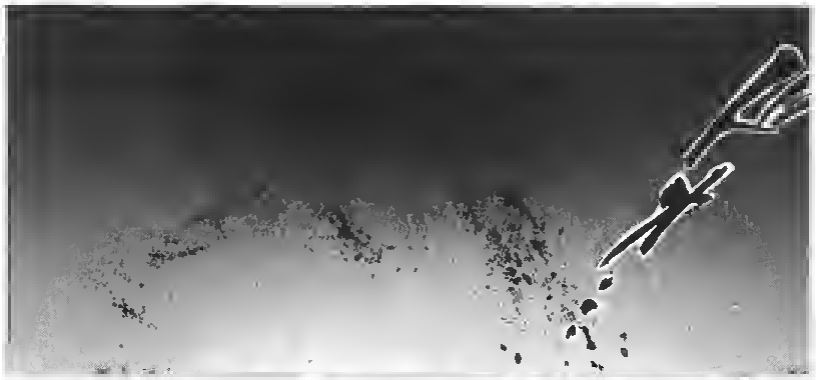

THE COFFINS NUMBERED EIGHTEEN IN ALL.
ALL TOP THREE FLOORS OF THE BUILDING HAD ROOMS THAT WERE SEALED, WITH LIGHTPROOF CURTAINS INSTALLED, AND COFFINS PLACED INSIDE.
MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LOWER TWENTY-SEVEN FLOORS HAD FALLEN PREY TO THEM.
THERE WAS A MOUNTAIN OF DESICCATED HUMAN CORPSES IN THE BASEMENT WASTE DUMP.

THREE HUNDRED... THREE HUNDRED OF THOSE MON-STERS..
ARE THEY PROLIFER-ATING?
ONE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST HAS CALCULATE THAT THERE AR AROUND THREE HUNDRED RIGHT NOW.
NOT ALL OF THEM ARE COMPARABLE TO THIS MIGIRI YOU FOUGHT AGAINST
IN FACT, MOST OF THEM ARE NOT MAKING FULL USE OF THE POWERS THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN

YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T ONE OF THEM, AND YOU AREN'T HUMAN, EITHER.
WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU, THEN? WHERE'S THE PROOF THAT I CAN TRUST YOU?
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.....
...I AM A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI...

BUT THAT'S ALL. THEY DON'T HAVE THE MENTAL TECHNIQUE OR SOPHISTICATION TO UNIFY ALL OF THESE ABILITIES.
OF COURSE, THEY ARE STILL FAR STRONGER AND FASTER THAN NORMAL HUMANS, AND GIVEN TIME, THEY CAN RESTORE THEIR DAMAGED BODIES BACK TO PERFECT HEALTH
I KNOW THAT KURAHA, AT LEAST, CHOSE THE HUMANS HE WOULD MAKE HIS COMPANIONS VERY CAREFULLY.
WE DON'T KNOW THE YATO NO KAMI'S INTENTIONS OR WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO WITH THE WORLD...

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BANG
BANG
BANG

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Hah
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HALT!
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOING
HERE?!

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AAAH…

DOING HERE?! WE'RE CELEBRAT-ING THE RELEASE OF A FRIEND FROM THE HOSPITAL!
LIKE THIS! "HEY BROTHER, YOU FEELIN' BETTER YET?!" HYA HYA HYA!!
BOOOM

LET'S RIP OPEN THESE CAPITALIST-BRAINWASHED BAGS OF SHIT!!
AND SPREAD THEIR INSIDES ALL OVER THE WORLD!!

WE'RE RUNNING UP THE EMERGENCY STAIRCASE TO THE ROOF THEN SPREADING OUT DOWNWARD!
YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE THING TO DO!
KILL 'EM ALL!!

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I WANT A STATUS REPORT ON THE INTERSECTION, FRONT ENTRANCE, PARKING LOT AND ELEVATORS
CLICK
.....

I WAS THE ONE WHO AUTHORIZED YOU TO TAKE HIM FROM THE HOSPITAL IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO HANDLE THIS
..IT'S TOO SOON
THEY'VE WIPED OUT THE BASE OF THE BUILDING WE'VE GOT TO ESCAPE FROM THE ROOF
YOU HAVE GOT TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE ALIVE DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, MAEZONO?
.....

IF KIKURI REALLY IS ONE OF THEM NOW, THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR ME TO DIE.
CAN YOU GIVE ME A GUN?
I BELIEVE YOU ARE AWARE THAT GUNS WON'T ACTUALLY KILL THEM. THEY'LL ONLY BUY YOU TIME.
YEAH, I KNOW.

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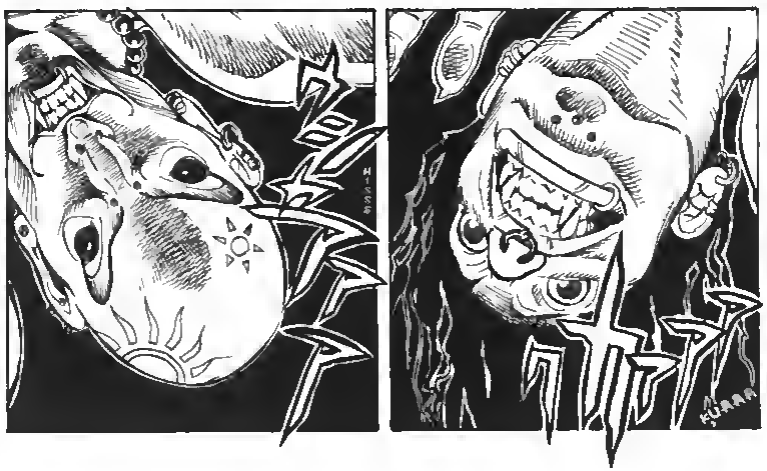
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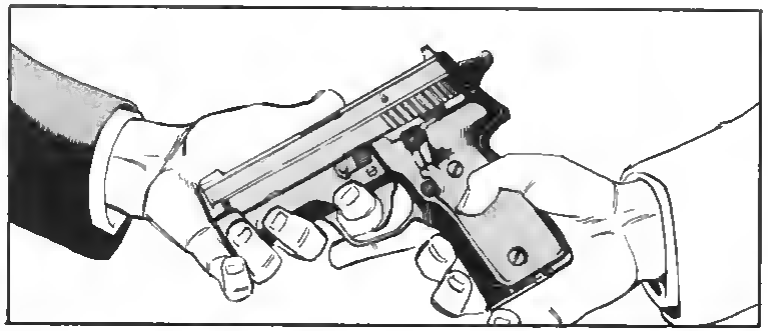

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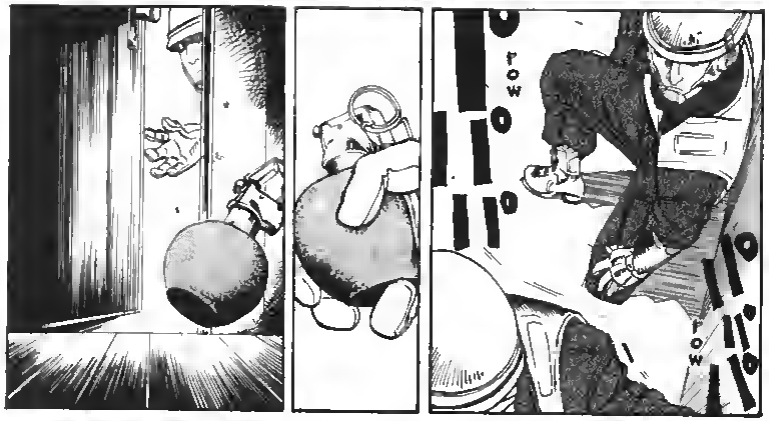
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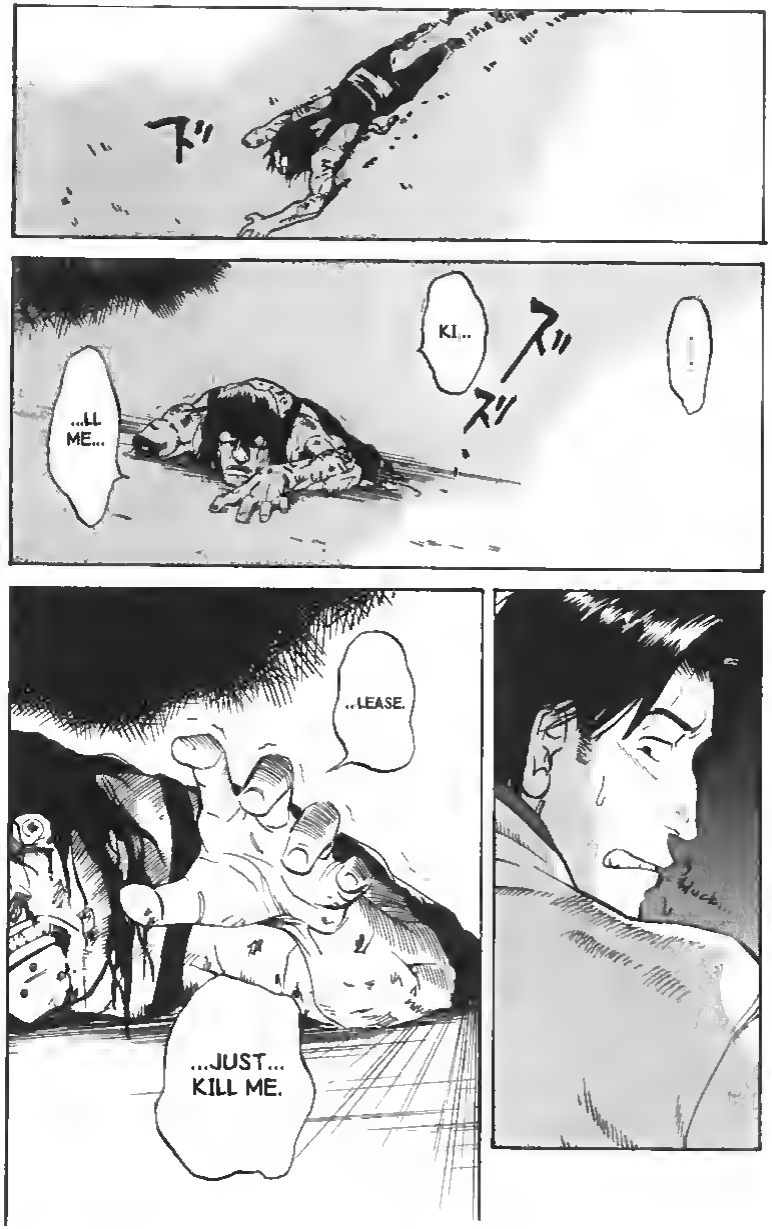
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..LEASE.
...JUST... KILL ME.

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SPLURCH
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FWUMP

JUST STAY OUT HERE AND WAIT FOR THE SUNRISE TO INCINERATE YOU.
SORRY BUDDY, YOU CHOSE YOUR FATE NOW YOU LIVE OR DIE WITH IT.
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LOOKS CLEAR.
KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.
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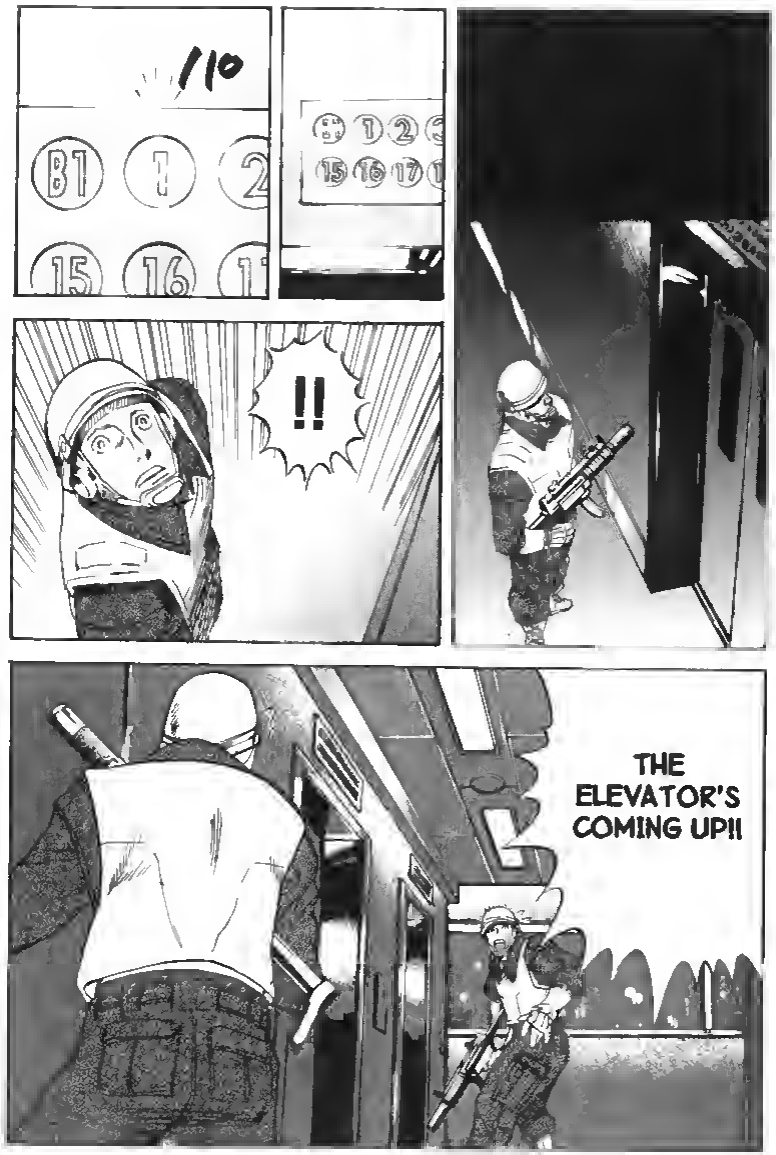
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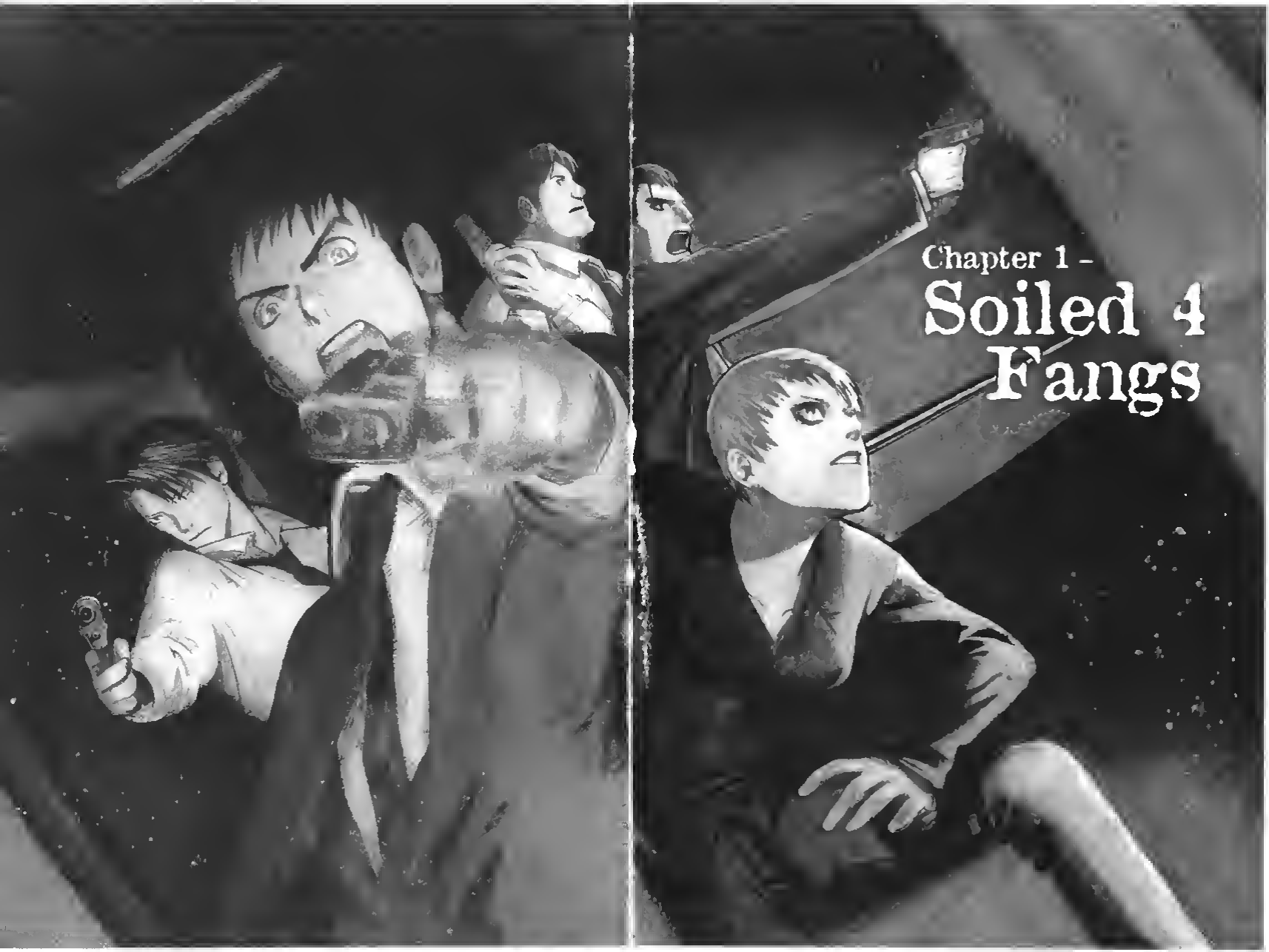
THE ELEVATOR'S COMING UP!!

SAKAGUCHI, YOU GO WITH THEM.
MAEZONO, YOU TAKE YUSUKE HIMUKAI OUT OF HERE.
STAY AT MY BACK.

LET'S GO!!

CHIEF!! THE ELEVATOR IS ASCENDING! SOMEONE'S ON THEIR WAY UP!!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...MAKE SURE YOU KILL ME.
IF I SHOULD END UP BEING TURNED INTO ONE OF THEM...
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YOU GOT IT.
PROMISE ME THAT, CHIEF.

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AAAAHHHHH!!
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KURAHAAAA!!!

AAGH...
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AYAAAHH!

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POW
POW
POW
POW
YAAHHH!
AAAAGH!!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
.....!

AAGH!!

CLICK
NNG.
BANG

AH!
AAH...
HUFF HUFF
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GYAAAAAA!!

IS THIS HOW YOU DO THINGS?!
MOVE, YUSUKE
AAAAAHH!!
MOVE!!

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AA-AHHHHH

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN SOMEONE GETS THEIR BLOOD SUCKED IF THEY'RE JUST BEING KILLED OR BEING TURNED INTO ONE OF THOSE CREATURES?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU--
NO. I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO TURN A HUMAN INTO ONE, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS.
HOW? HOW CAN YOU TELL THEY'RE TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR NUMBERS?
THAT'S RIGHT, BECAUSE WE'RE ALL UNDERTAKING OUR DUTIES WITH THAT POSSIBILITY IN MIND!! ANYONE WOULD CHOOSE DEATH OVER BECOMING ONE OF THEM, OR TURNING INTO A "FAILURE" LIKE ME!!
THEN YOU'RE JUST KILLING PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED!!

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NOW! DO YOU WANT TO DIE HERE?!
YUSUKE! GO UP TO THE ROOF!
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DAMN, NOT ENOUGH ROOM..
UGH!!
YUSUKE...

HEH HEH HEH..
IT REALLY IS A SHAME ...
...THAT I HAVE TO KILL YOU.
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EAAGHI

UCK...
AAAHHGH!
BANG

GET LOST!!

CRASH
HNG...
UN UNG...
UNG...
URRAAHH!!

NO WONDER MIGIRI-SAMA LET YOU LIVE THAT NIGHT
YES, I SEE. YOU DO RESEMBLE HIM.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH KIKURI, KURAHA?!
WHERE IS SHE?
.....
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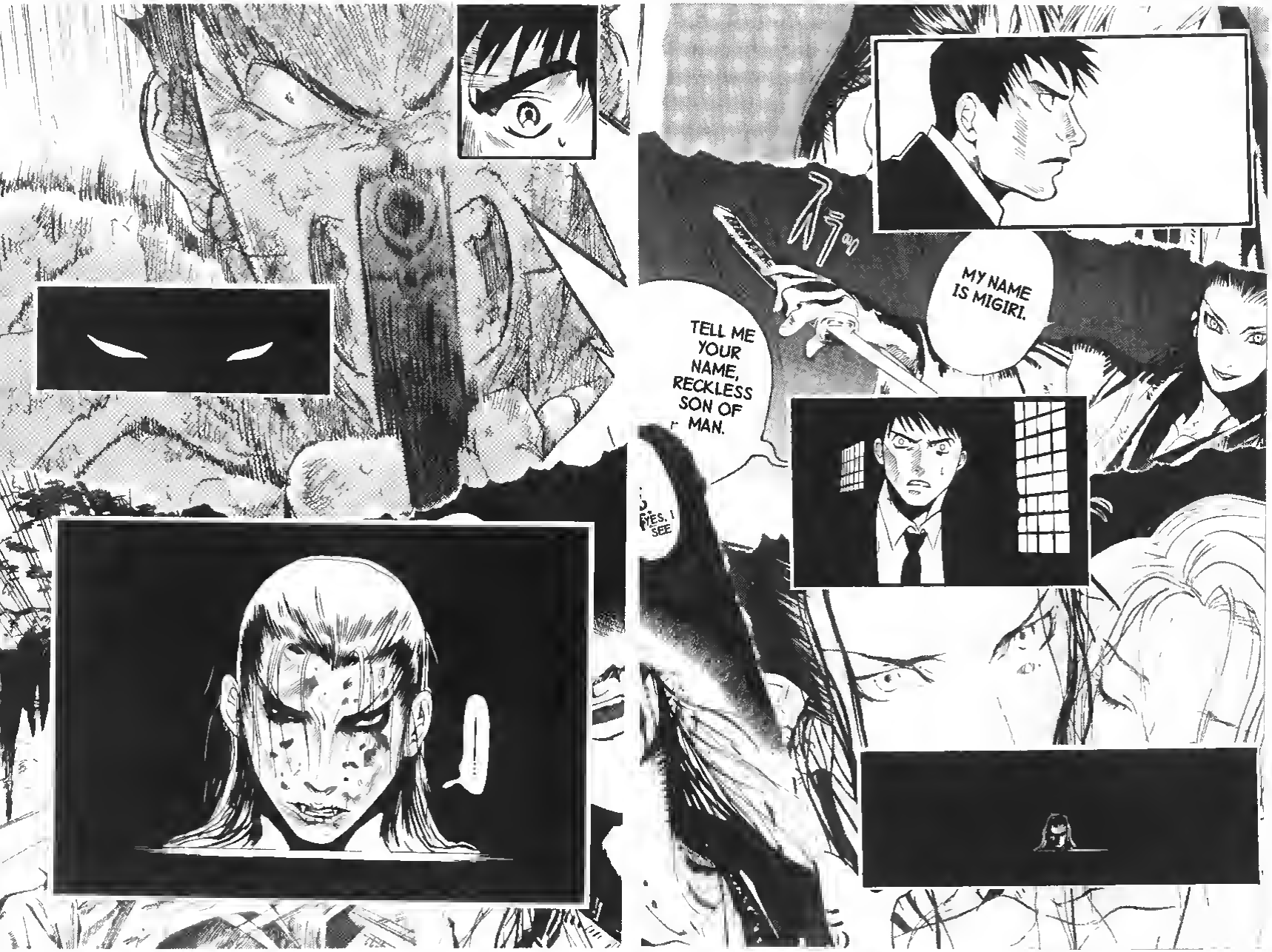
HE WIELDED A HERETICAL STYLE WITH THE BLADE, MAKING USE OF ANYTHING THAT MIGHT SERVE HIS PURPOSES, AND SPENT HIS LIFETIME TRACKING OUR KIND
AFTER ONE HUNDRED YEARS, HE HAD FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN DRIVING US TO DESTRUCTION... ALL BUT ONE- MYSELF
YUSUKE HIMUKAI.
AND YOU ARE EITHER HIS DESCENDANT, OR HIS INCARNATION REBORN.
WHAT THE..? WHAT IN THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO ?

THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI, BY THE NAME OF NAONOSUKE KOBAYASHI.
HE STOOD BEFORE US, THE LEADER OF THE SHOGUN'S SECRET FORCE OF SHINOBI, THE TENBU-SHU. INCLUDING THE MIGHT OF THE KOGA AND MOCHIZUKI NINJA CLANS AND SLEW ONE THOUSAND OF OUR NUMBERS

HEH
GOOD LORD... HOW IS ANYONE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE SUCH A RIDICULOUS STORY?
ONLY ONE OR TWO ROUNDS LEFT. NO WAY I COULD KILL THIS GUY WITH JUST THAT

...I AM A SERVANT OF THE YATO NO KAMI...


TELL ME YOUR NAME, RECKLESS SON OF MAN.
MY NAME IS MIGIRI.
YES, I SEE

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SO HE'S THE ONE WHO BE-HEADED THIS MIGIRI GUY?
IN THAT CASE, YOU'VE SADLY OVER-ESTIMATED ME. I'M NOBODY.
PERHAPS THIS IS BUT THE SEED OF A NEW, GREATER ORDER OF THINGS.
OR PERHAPS IT IS THE TRUE REASON WHY THAT WOMAN WAS CHOSEN TO BE MIGIRI-SAMA'S BRIDE.
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I CAN'T BELIEVE I WAS HUNG UP OVER SOME THING SO PETTY
NOW THAT I AM ONE WITH THEM, I'VE NEVER FELT HAPPIER IN MY LIFE!
THOSE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO DIE FIGHTING THEM HAVE NO IDEA OF HOW UNFORTUNATE THEY WERE.
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KILL ONE LITTLE WUSS LIKE YOU, AND I'LL LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY. CAN'T BEAT THAT DEAL.
I'M ABOUT READY TO START SKIPPING, MYSELF.

YUSUKE HIMUKAI, IF THE HEAVENS TRULY ARE ON YOUR SIDE, THEN WE WILL MEET AGAIN.
THE NIGHT IS NEARLY OVER.
KENICHI SAKUMA, RISK YOUR VERY LIFE TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING MY SERVANT.

WUSS?
ME?
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I'LL TURN YOU INTO MINCE-MEAT!!
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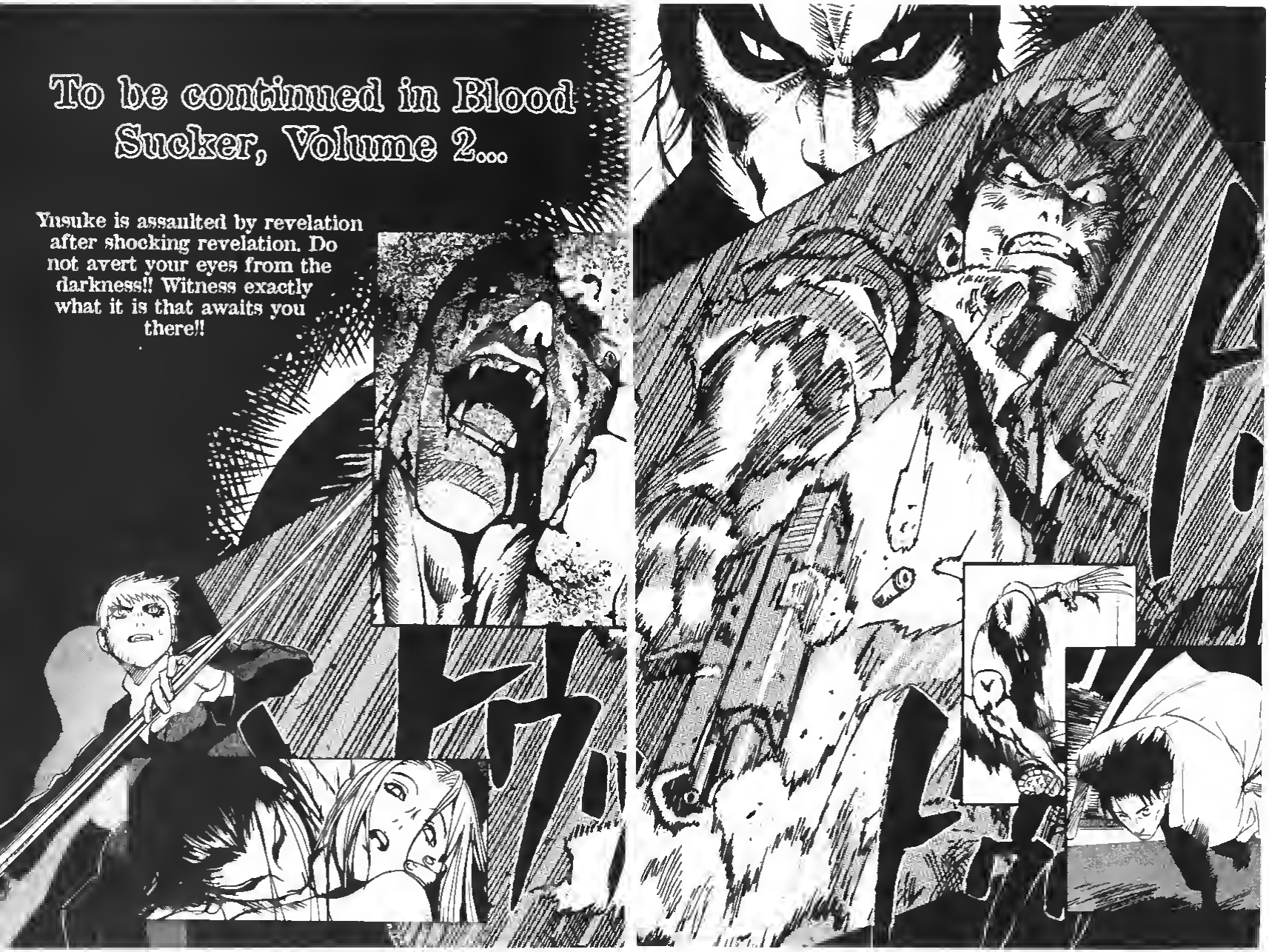
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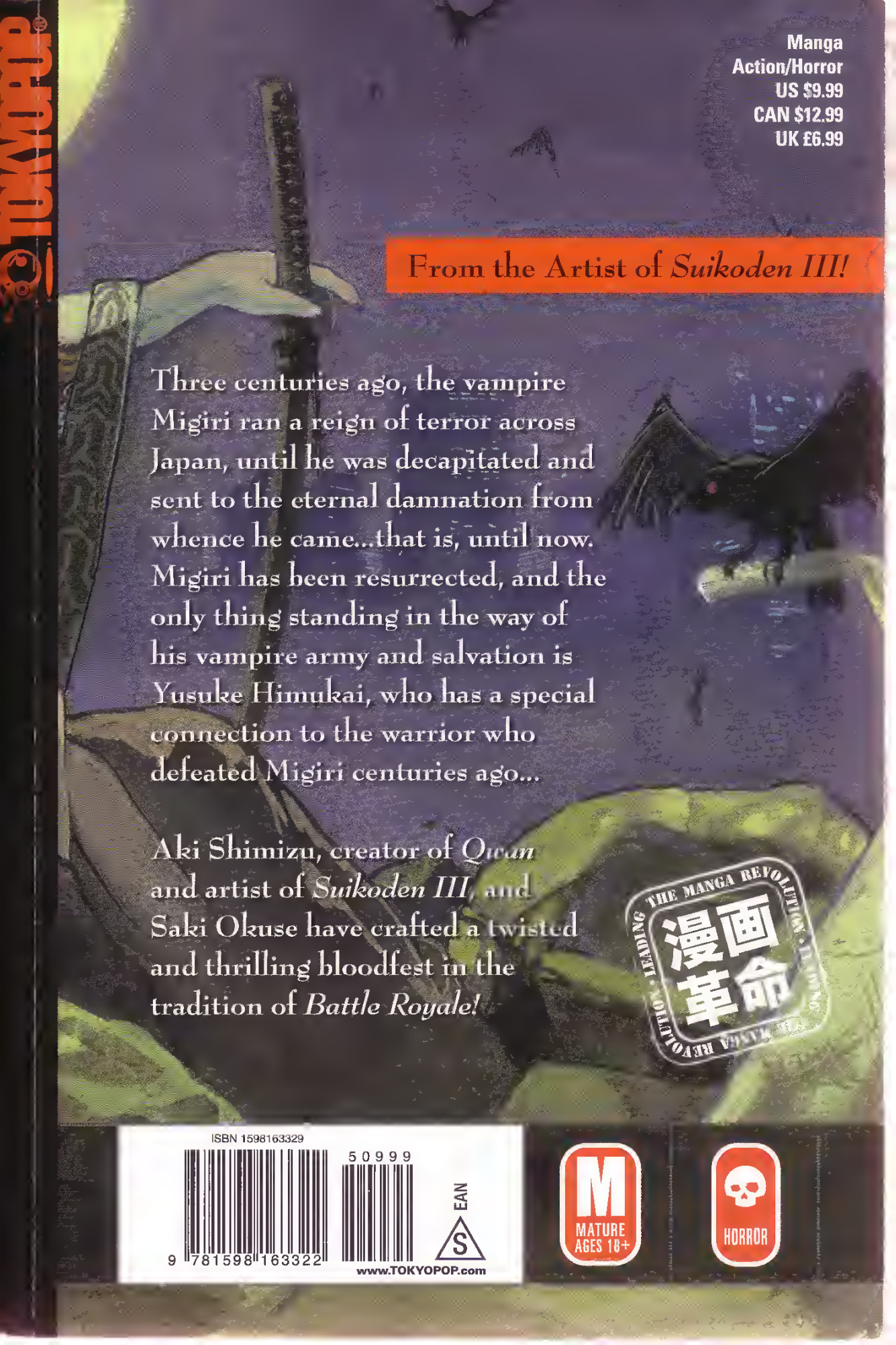

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